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P. S.—Since writing this, another bill has been drafted by the College of Nursing Company, Ltd. We do not consider it any improvement upon the last, although representation to the Central Committee has been granted.

Dear Editor: Referring to letter initialed "E. Q.," Iowa, on page 727 of the May issue of your publication, I am directed by the Surgeon General to request that the statement given therein to the effect that the government does not supply the sterilizing basins, Murphy drips and medicine glasses to the army hospitals be contradicted. Basins and medicine glasses are purchased by the Medical Supply Department of the Army by the thousand, and Murphy drips as needed. It is quite evident that "E. Q." wrote this letter through ignorance of the proper way to obtain the usual articles for the equipment of her ward.

DORA E. THOMPSON,

*Superintendent, Army Nurse Corps.*

(As a matter of fact, the letter referred to in the May JOURNAL, signed "E. Q.," was not sent to this office with any idea of its being given publicity. The writer had contributed an article to a previous number of our magazine, for which, as a matter of routine, she was sent a check. She wrote to say that she had not expected compensation, but had sent the material in the hope of inducing other nurses to enroll. We replied that if she did not feel like accepting the check for her personal use, we were sure she would find many ways of using the money in the care of her patients. A later letter regarding another matter, contained the paragraph which we published, with no thought on either her part or ours of criticising the Government. Our idea was simply to show her generosity.—Ed.)

#### A REPLY

Dear Editor: My attention has been called to a letter by Miss Greenthal in the last issue of the JOURNAL. It should hardly be necessary for me to say that the statements which I made at the recent meeting in Cleveland did not refer to the Mount Sinai Hospital. In any such connection they would have been not merely discourteous but obviously untrue, since this hospital and training school are well known for their liberal government and progressive methods. I am glad to take the earliest opportunity afforded me of saying how sorry I am not to have guarded against any possible misunderstanding of my words.

New York

M. ADELAIDE NUTTING.

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